



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE
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State of Washington

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Name of Proposal: SCATTER CREEK WILDLIFE AREA DOUGLAS-FIR SAW-TOPPING PROJECT

Description of Proposal: This is an oak habitat enhancement project designed to remove Douglas-fir trees that are over-topping and shading out Oregon White Oaks. Twenty to forty Douglas-fir trees will be saw-topped between 15 and 45 feet above the ground and their limbs will be removed. Holes will be drilled in each one and dowels inoculated with a native rot-producing fungus will be driven into the hole. Two to five dowels will be driven into each trunk. The goal is to increase the growth and vigor of the oaks that are currently shaded by the Douglas-fir trees and to provide cavities for cavity nesting birds and mammals in the Douglas-fir trunks that have been treated with fungus-inoculated dowels.

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, Washington 98501-1091. Contact: Kelly McAllister 360/ 9902-8136

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Treatment area is south of Scatter Creek and east of the power lines that run north-south through the wildlife area, approximately 12 miles south of Tumwater, Scatter Creek Wildlife Area, Washington, Thurston County; southeast of the northeast corner and the northeast of the northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 16 North, Range 03 WestWM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **June 18, 2004**

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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DATE OF ISSUE: June 4, 2004 **SIGNATURE:**



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